

Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

-Lee Holloway -

Chairman of the Board

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COUNTY BOARD'S 2008 BUDGET PRODUCES SURPLUS FOR MILWAUKEE COUNTY

Track record proves that County Board is able to preserve important services at a minimal cost

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway released the following statement in response to Milwaukee County's projected surplus for fiscal year 2008:

"The County Board was heavily involved in crafting the final 2008 County Budget, and we followed up throughout 2008 to make sure that Milwaukee County did not deficit by the end of the year. It is clear, as evidenced in this surplus, that the County Board has played a key role by working diligently to preserve a number of programs and services at a minimal cost to taxpayers.

"During the 2008 Budget process in late 2007, many of my colleagues joined me in overriding 19 of the 22 budget vetoes handed down by County Executive Scott Walker, continuing the County Board's track record of overriding 80% of his vetoes since 2003. I am pleased that the County Executive does not claim that the County Board's 2008 Budget Amendments or veto overrides were harmful to Milwaukee County taxpayers."

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